

FIRE DISTRICT ADVISORY GROUP
Wednesday, February 22, 2006 – 10:00 a.m.
Division of Fire Safety

Minutes

Those attending today's meeting are:

Mark James, Director, Dept. of Public Safety
Brian Jamison, Deputy Director, Dept. of Public Safety
Randy Cole, State Fire Marshal
Greg Carrell, Deputy State Fire Marshal
Smokey Dyer, Kansas City Fire Dept.
Bill Jones, Versailles Fire Dept.
David Williams, North Kansas City Fire Dept.
Andy Nimmo, Redings Mill Fire District
Jim Bollinger, Marble Hill Fire Dept.
Brad Golden, Jackson Fire Rescue
Tim Bean, West Plains Fire Dept.
Greg Brown, Eureka Fire Dept.
Neil Svetanics, Lemay Fire Protection Dist.
Duane Compton, Republic Fire Dept.
Larry Jennings, Johnson County Fire Protection Dist.
Russ Mason, Central Co. Fire & Rescue
Margi Bilyeu, Dept. of Public Safety

Mark James opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. He provided a brief review of his background and quick overview of his vision for the Department of Public Safety and its' divisions. He encouraged everyone to take the opportunity to bring up any issues they would like to discuss.

Issues Discussed:

- Mutual Aid

It was unanimously agreed that there needs to be a full time mutual aid coordinator in DFS to work with the teams. Duties would include;

Resources typed
Training
Identify Incident Teams
Coordinate groups during incidents
Incident typing
Cost typing
MOU's in place
Coordinate fuel stops on major corridors

- Can get funding through UASI funds
- Need to get Incident Support Teams operational again
- Paramedics by law, cannot inoculate in case of pandemic – Mark will discuss this issue with Julie Eckstein, Dept. of Health & Senior Services Director
- No minimum training standards in fire service
- MEIS software. It is web-based. Each agency is required to update their own information. It has the capability to notify you periodically to update.
- Need to create a Regional Oversight Committee. Want to begin in 60-90 days.
- Randy Cole noted that \$100,000 has been restored in the House Budget for firefighter training
- Randy Cole provided information on the Homeland Security grant application and the new guidelines
- Randy Cole provided handouts of the Initiative Plans for:

First Responder Health & Safety (Draft)

Strengthen and Sustain CBRNE Response and Recovery (Draft)

- Randy Cole provided copies of HB's 1507, 1508, & 1509
- Burn Ban: Randy Cole provided a copy of the Emergency Drought Conditions—Burning Prohibited. If conditions exist, the Governor can issue an Executive Order declaring drought conditions and enacting a burn ban.
- Chief Russ Mason expressed the need to focus resources toward in-depth financial analysis investigations relating to arson investigations.
- Randy Cole advised the group of the need to identify where the state should be in relation to state codes. He plans to form a “code workgroup” to discuss the issue of state codes.
- Randy Cole informed the group about proposed legislation relating to the regulation of blasting operations in the state and the licensing of individuals who perform such operations. Oversight/administration of this proposal would fall under the Division of Fire Safety.

- MIAC: The MO State Highway Patrol has provided their intelligence unit to the MIAC for staffing. It is an all hazard intelligence center. Van Godsey is the director of the MIAC. You can find information about it on their website at www.miacx.org or by calling 866-362-6422.

It was agreed to meet again. The next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ike Skelton Training Site (MO National Guard), Classroom #2.